

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NORTHEAST REGION One Blackburn Drive Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL STATE DIRECTORS; ME THROUGH NC

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY BLACK SEA BASS QUOTA REPORT (NO. 7)

1999 BLACK SEA BASS REPORT (POUNDS); QUARTER I

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 20-Feb-99	Period Cumulative Total (to Date)	1999 Quarter I Quotas	% Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	0	0	400		
RI	374	2,200	40,170		
CT	0	630	4,854		
NY	455	5,192	39,917		
ŊJ	1,491	3,512	93,250		
DE	0	0	23		
MD	0	0	2,550		
VA	614	16,123	114,028		
NC	71	12,214	47,989		
Tota:	l 3,005	39,871	343,181	1,168,860	29.4

## Notes:

MA totals are as of 13 February, 1999. Massachusetts has a 12" minimum fish size.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary.

1999 Black Sea Bass Quarterly Coastwide Commercial Quotas and Quarterly Trip Limits

				Trip Limits	
Quarter	Percent	Lb	(Kg)¹	Lb	(Kg) <sup>1</sup>
1 (Jan-Mar)	38.64	1,168,860	530,186	11,000	4,990
2 (Apr-Jun)	29.26	885,115	401,481	7,000	3,175
3 (Jul-Sep)	12.33	372,983	169,182	3,000	1,361
4 (Oct-Dec)	19.77	598,043	271,268	4,000	1,814
TOTAL	100.00	3,025,000	1,372,117		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$  Kilograms are as converted from pounds and do not add to the converted total due to rounding.